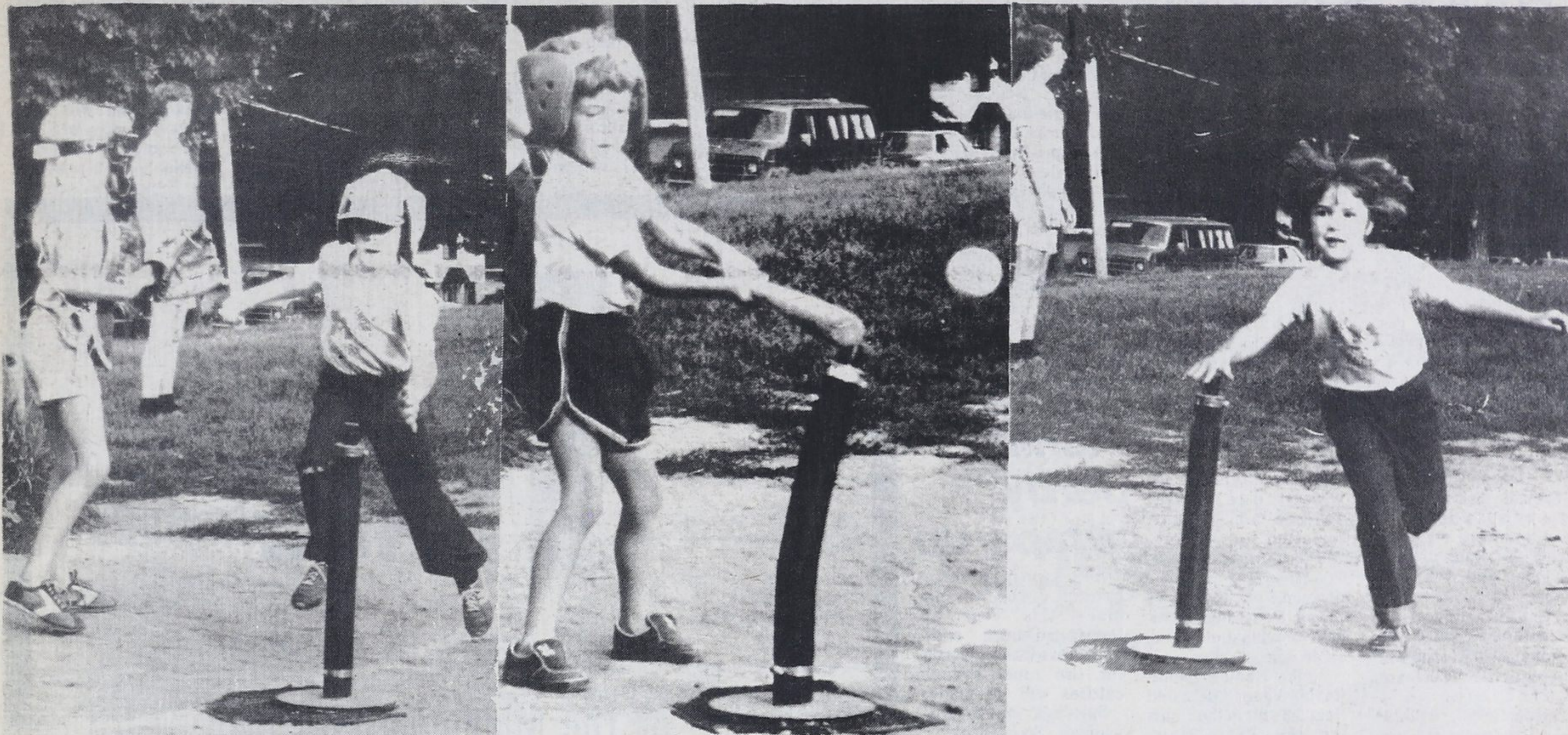


## The excitement of T-ball in Midland



**Goodchild's T-batters make presence felt**

The action was fast and furious in the Midland Minor T-Ball League playoffs as evidenced by these photographs. Left: Jason Nicoll, aged six, of Midland scores another run for Municipal Savings and Loans in T-Ball action

Tuesday. Under the watchful eye of Joe Blake, J. Harvey Surveyors Manager, it's easy to see why he's running so hard. Melissa Cave watches on as backcatcher for J. Harvey. Centre: Keith Prentice, five, also of

Midland seems fascinated by the way the tee bends, but when that ball flies, he means business for Municipal. Right: Kari Goodchild brings in yet another run for Municipal. She is six years old and lives in Midland.

## Big race tomorrow

There's still time to enter the CKMP Grand Prix Soap Box Derby.

Tomorrow is the day of the race, and registration will continue right up until race time, 10 a.m. Saturday morning.

First, since this is a race, safety cannot be stressed too much. Here are the safety rules you must follow to qualify your car:

The car must have a maximum length of 80", and there must be a minimum of 3" of clearance, when the driver is in the seat of the car.

The distance between the centre of the rear and front wheels must be over 40".

The car must have a braking system that will stop the vehicle quickly, either a hand brake or a foot operated brake.

The seating area cannot be enclosed by the body of the vehicle, and the head of the driver cannot be confined within the vehicle's construction.

No sharp edges or corners, whether on the inside or outside of the vehicle, will be allowed.

Wheels will be supplied by CKMP with a deposit of \$10 being paid. These wheels must be used to ensure that everyone has the same chance, and to ensure the safety of all involved.

The participants may choose either to return these wheels for a full refund after the race, or they may keep them for the same \$10.

Each participant must have taken part in the construction of the vehicle.

### Regulations

These regulations will be enforced, with help from Gary Wilkins of Wilkins Automotive here in Midland.

John Saunders, from CKMP, will officiate the event, acting as Grand Marshall.

Now, before you all go to your garage and start banging away, there is one important thing to remember.

Racers must be between the ages of 8 and 13, not reaching their 14th birthday before Aug. 16, 1980. Proof of age may be asked for on race day.

Head gear must also be worn, in the form of a well-fitting helmet.

Now, for the important information, the prizes. First, there will be trophies for first, second and third places, but, wait there's more.

First place will net that driver a \$200 10-speed bike, from Handy Andy Auto Centre in Penetang.

The driver who comes in second, will have a lot to listen to, when he claims his prize of \$100 of records of his choice, from Sam the Record Man in Midland.

Last, but not least, \$50 worth of fishing equipment will help the third place driver relax on those Saturdays when they just don't feel like being too ambitious.

## Jason Irwin slugs homer at right time

Hank Aaron will be hearing footsteps behind him now that Midland's Jason Irwin is up to bat these days.

The only thing in Aaron's favor though is the fact that Irwin's season ended Tuesday night in the Midland T-Ball League.

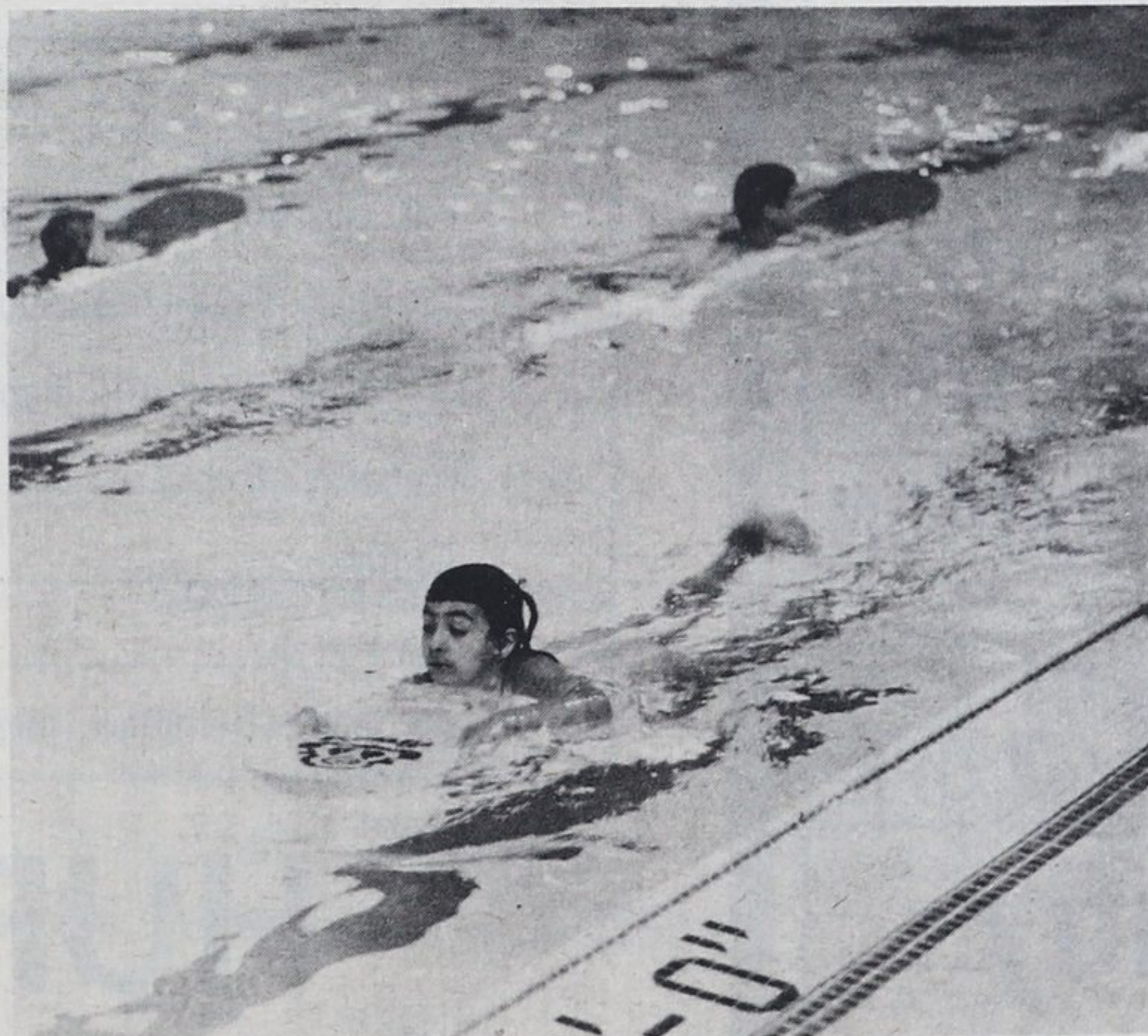
Dairy Queen 30-24 to Arcade Pharmacy in the semi-finals played at Parkview School playground.

Irwin hit the only home run in the four games played, with teammates, Jason Jones and Danny Reidele working together to complete a double play.

Other games saw Bell Canada defeat A & P, 30-26; McQuirter Real Estate over A & W, 15-12; and J. Harvey Surveyors closely edging out Municipal Savings and Loans, 20-19.

Championship flight will continue next Tuesday, with Bourgeois Motors facing McQuirter Real Estate. Arcade Guardian Pharmacy has the bye game.

In the Consolation Flight, Pantry Shelf will attempt to bake up a win over J. Harvey Surveyors, with Bell Canada having the bye game.



## Into swim of things

Susan Somlai, aged six of Midland gets a helping hand from her faithful flutterboard. Susan is a student in the Super Beginners class at YMCA.

## New gymnastics column to appear here on 29th

Starting next Friday, in this newspaper, we'll be featuring a column entitled Gymnastics Corner.

To be authored by Ken St. Amant of the Penetang-Midland Gym Club, this new feature will have something for all ages.

Gymnastics is a growing sport in Huronia and one of the people who has been spear-heading it in recent years is Ken St. Amant who was born and raised in Penetanguishene.

He graduated from the University of McMaster in Hamilton with a pass degree in history and honors degree in Physical and Health Education.

He later graduated with a Bachelor of Education and a Master of Education from the University of Toronto...and for the past six years he has been teaching.

He has coached gymnastics for the past six years, is a level one coach and instructs level one coaches.

He also co-authored a curriculum guideline booklet on gymnastics for Simcoe County Board of Education and as well has conducted a number of workshops on gymnastics for the board.

As a level five referee he has been invited to go to Halifax next month to get his level 6. He has refereed major A and major Junior A hockey as well as hockey at the international level.

He has also coached swimming, basketball and a variety of other sports.

His column appears next Friday on this page, look for it.



**Ken St. Amant**